

**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Peace Officer Memorial Month
MEETING DATE: May 6, 2009
PREPARED BY: David J. Main, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Proclaim the Month of May, 2009, to be known as Peace Officer Memorial Month throughout the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Police Department requests that the Council make this proclamation in keeping with such tributes at the state and national level. This year, the week of May 10 through May 16 is designated National Police Week, while May 8 is the date of the California Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. These ceremonies are held annually to honor the memory of over 18,300 law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty throughout the United States. Of the 133 line of duty deaths in 2008, California's loss was 10 officers.

Members of the Lodi Police Department, led by its Honor Guard, will hold a ceremony early the morning of May 6 at the gravesite of Officer Rick Cromwell (5/7/63 – 12/9/98), the only Lodi Police Officer killed in the line of duty. The group will then participate in the Stockton Police Officers Association's Memorial Services honoring fallen law enforcement officers from throughout San Joaquin County. On Friday, May 8 the Lodi Police Honor Guard will participate in the California Peace Officers' Memorial Enrollment Ceremony in Sacramento.

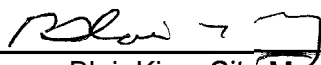
An inscription at the California State Memorial reads: "Go, stranger, and tell the (people) that we lie here in obedience to their laws." We urge the City Council to join in this message, honoring our fallen peace officers.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A


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APPROVED:


Blair King, City Manager